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1. SUJATA, K., and HENNINGS, H. M., "*Formation of a Protective Layer During the Hydration of Cement*", JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN CERAMIC SOCIETY, Vol 75, No. 6, Pages 1669-1673 (1992).

Applicants submit that a copy of the above-cited reference is enclosed herewith.

If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a discussion with Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the references cited on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each reference (if not previously submitted) is enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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